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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

YOSHINORI TAKAHASHI ET AL.

Application No.: 09/503,482

Filed: February 14, 2000

For: INFORMATION PROCESSING
APPARATUS AND METHOD
THAT DETERMINES THE
PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF A
PRINTER CONNECTED TO A
NETWORK, AND STORAGE
MEDIUM STORING PROGRAM
THEREFOR (as amended)

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Examiner: G.I. Garcia

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

A Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is filed herewith. In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, and prior to continued examination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows, the amendments to the claims being reflected in the listing starting on page 2, and the remarks beginning at page 8.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	* 19	MINUS	** 21	= 0	x \$9 \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	* 3	MINUS	*** 3	= 0	x \$44 \$88	\$ 0
Fee for Multiple Dependent claims \$150°/\$300						\$ 0
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT---						\$ 0

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☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

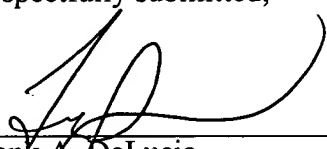
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☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the fee for a __-month extension is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the Information Disclosure Statement fee is enclosed.

☒ Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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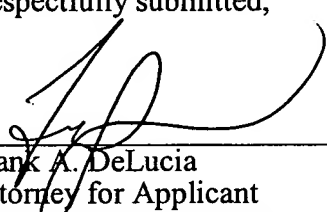
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